

STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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CONSIDER YOUR GRANT GOALS

- ◉ Review the goals set in the awarded grant
- ◉ Determine activities that will support your grant goals
- ◉ Determine how you can involve parents in the activities that you have selected
- ◉ **Educate, Encourage, and Evolve**
(staff, students, community, parents)



GRANT ACTIVITIES THAT WILL EXCITE YOUNG LEARNERS

- ◉ Tutoring/Homework Help
- ◉ Hands on Learning Projects
- ◉ Outdoor Activities
- ◉ Technology Skills
- ◉ Exercise/Nutrition Classes
- ◉ Educational Field Trips
- ◉ Fairs, Carnivals, Field Days, Special Events
- ◉ Parental Involvement throughout your program



TUTORING/HOMEWORK HELP

- ◉ Incorporate into all before and after school activities
- ◉ Teachers/Paraprofessionals/Parents as Tutors
- ◉ Parents as Learners
 - Train parents on “skills” taught during the regular school day so they can help their children at home
 - Teach parents how to use web and print resources to help their child
 - Teach parents the strategies used to help students learn skills being taught



HANDS ON LEARNING PROJECTS

- ◉ Use hands-on manipulative as much as possible (math, science)
- ◉ Creative learning; Arts/Crafts projects; Cultural Awareness projects
- ◉ Real life application of skills learned during the school day
- ◉ Science extension activities/experiments
- ◉ Writing labs; creative writing workshops
- ◉ Theater and community plays



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- ◉ Rain barrels
- ◉ Recycling projects
- ◉ Community gardens
- ◉ Beautification projects around school
- ◉ Community beautification projects
- ◉ Community clean-up activities
- ◉ Tie the activities to science and math standards



TECHNOLOGY SKILLS



- ◉ Computer literacy classes
- ◉ Research skills/projects
- ◉ Extended Library Hours to read books and take Read-Up tests and/or Parent Buddy Reading
- ◉ Project based learning and STEM projects
- ◉ More than “just computers”
- ◉ Conduct evening workshops where students teach parents how to use technology tools (i.e. iPads, computers, SMART Boards)

EXERCISE/NUTRITION WORKSHOPS

- ◉ Promote healthy eating habits
- ◉ Promote exercise and physical health
- ◉ Exercise rooms
- ◉ Aerobics, Zumba, Dance, Yoga, Club Sports
- ◉ Include parents/students



EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

- ◉ Field trips with a purpose
- ◉ Support grant goals
- ◉ Extension of the school day learning activities and Standards of Learning
- ◉ Use the grant to pay for student and parent fees
- ◉ State Fair, Science Museum overnight activities, Luray Caverns, College visits, Museums, Plays, 10K Walk/Run, UniverSoul Circus



FAIRS, CARNIVALS, FIELD DAYS, SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◉ Evening Fairs-theme based (ex. Froggy Math)
- ◉ Saturday Carnivals to promote parental involvement
- ◉ Field Days after school
- ◉ Solicit parent volunteers to assist with activities
- ◉ Offer parent-child activities
- ◉ Mother-Daughter Dinners, Father-Son Fishing, Etiquette Classes



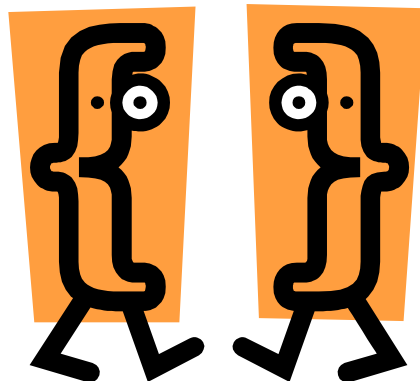
PARENTING WORKSHOPS

- ◉ Community Organizations
- ◉ Churches
- ◉ Community Service Boards
- ◉ Guidance Counselors
- ◉ Evening workshops for parents to learn skills being taught at each grade level
- ◉ SOL Learning Workshops
- ◉ SOL Parent Dinners
- ◉ Provide alternate activities for students while parents are involved in workshops



THINK, PAIR, SHARE

- ◉ **Think** of an activity that will work with your school and grant program
- ◉ **Pair** with a table partner and describe your idea to your partner
- ◉ **Share** your partner's idea with the table group, then one idea shared with whole group



PLANNING FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Using the template provided, create an outline for a parent workshop or activity that you would like to see happen in your school's program.



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



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